

Maryland Oyster Advisory Commission
Meeting #1 – September 17, 2007

Meeting Location and Time: Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Schmidt Center, 3:00 – 7:00 pm; Dinner to be provided to OAC members at 7:00 pm in the Reed Education Center. Directions can be found at http://www.serc.si.edu/public_programs/directions.jsp

Agenda

Welcome; and Introductions (Bill Eichbaum) **(40 minutes)**

- Name, affiliation, experience (brief – 1 minute each)

Welcome and Opening Remarks (Secretary John Griffin) **(20 minutes)**

Review and Approve Agenda (Bill Eichbaum) **(5 minutes)**

Review OAC purpose and charge (Bill Eichbaum) **(20 minutes)**

Review draft OAC Operating Guidelines (Tom O'Connell) **(10 minutes)**

Background presentation on the status of Maryland's oyster resource and industry (Tom O'Connell) **(20 minutes)**

Strategic planning exercise (SWOT analysis) to evaluate Maryland's efforts towards achieving ecological and economic benefits from the Bay's oyster resource **(90 minutes as follows: 30 minutes for biological/ecological benefits; 30 minutes for economic industry benefits; 30 minutes discuss results)**

- What are our Strengths?
- What are our Weaknesses?
- What are our Opportunities?
- What are our Threats?

Identify dates and focus of October, November and December meetings (Bill Eichbaum) **(10 minutes)**

Public Comment **(10 minutes)**

Meeting Summary (Bill Eichbaum) **(5 minutes)**

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